

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

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Promotion of Paralympic Games

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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the performance achieved by the Indian athletes in the Paralympics-2016;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to reduce the budgetary allocation for the sports under the Paralympics category;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) the funds allocated for promotion of sports under the Paralympics Category during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for promotion of sports under the said category in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) Madam, 20 Indian athletes participated in Rio Paralympics, 2016 out of which 4 athletes secured medals in Paralympics, 2016. The details are as follows:-

<pre>S.No Name of Athlete Medal Category Discipline

- 1 Devender Jhajharia Gold Athletics
- 2 Mariyappan Thangavellu Gold Athletics
- 3 Deepa Malik Silver Athletics
- 4 Varun Singh Bhati Bronze Athletics</pre>

(b) Madam, there is no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) For promotion of sports among physically disabled, this Ministry has recognized various National Sports Federations (NSFs) such as Paralympic Committee of India, All India Sports Council of the Deaf and Special Olympics Bharat. All these NSFs are placed under 'Priority' category so that they are eligible to avail maximum financial assistance under the "Scheme of Assistance to NSFs". The funds released to these NSFs in the last 3 years and the current year is as follows:-

(Rs. In lakhs)

<pre>S.No. Name of the federation 2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

2016-17

(till

December

2016)

1. Paralympic Committee

of India (PCI)-

143.40 197.72 720.08 259.52

2. All India Sports

Council of the Deaf

(AISCD)-

87.49 3.02 65.64 60.26

3. Special Olympics

Bharat (SOB)-

274.51 19.17 600.34 278.92</pre>

T-20 Cricket World Cup for Blind was hosted in India in 2017 for which

Govt. has sanctioned an amount of Rs.30.00 lakhs. India won the said World

Cup.

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